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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PRIMIN BEAVOGUI'S VISITS TO "PROGRESSIVE" STATES

1. GUINEAN PRIMIN BEAVOGUI DEPARTED AUGUST 5 ON
TRIP TO "PROGRESSIVE" AFRICAN CAPITALS, STARTING
WITH LUANDA AND MAPUTO. HE IS EXPECTED BACK
AROUND AUGUST 18. IN HIS ENTOURAGE ARE DEFENSE
MINISTER ALAFE KOUROUMA, PEOPLES MILITIA CHIEF
SANGARE, AND AN EDUCATION MINISTER MAMADI KEITA, ACCORDING
TO GOG SOURCES.

2. BEAVOGUI MAY HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING GUINEA'S
TOKEN MILITARY SUPPORT OF NETO REGIME AND SUPPLY
OF TEACHING AND OTHER CADRES TO MOZAMBIQUE, AS WELL
AS REVIEWING PROGRESS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA "LIBERATION"
STRUGGLES. GUINEA RADIO AUGUST 10 SAID VISIT REAF-
FIRMED GOG'S SUPPORT FOR NETO AGAINST INTERNAL AND
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EXTERNAL THREATS AND "REINFORCED BILATERAL RELATIONS;"
"SOUTHERN AFRICA PROBLEM" WAS DISCUSSED IN MAPUTO.

3. MOST INTERESTING RUMOR HOWEVER IS THAT BEAVOGUI
HAS BEEN CONVEYING GUINEA'S AND SEKOU TOURE'S RE-
SERVED ATTITUDE TOWARD BECOMING TITULAR LEADER OF OR
HEADQUARTERS FOR MORE STRUCTURED "PROGRESSIVE" BLOC,

AS BENIN'S KEREKOU ALLEGEDLY SUGGESTED DURING HIS PRE-OAU SUMMIT VISIT TO CONAKRY. FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, ONE USUALLY RELIABLE GOG SOURCE ASSERTED AUGUST 11 THAT GUINEA IN FACT WILL DECLINE THIS HONOR. SOURCE CLAIMED THAT SEKOU TOURE, "DOYEN" OF AFRICAN LEADERS IN POINT OF TENURE -- WHILE AS "PROGRESSIVE" AS ANYBODY ELSE -- DOES NOT NOW WISH TO BE POINT MAN FOR COMPLETE OAU SPLIT OR TO BURY "AFRICAN UNITY". SOURCE SAID TOURE SEES ONLY SENEGAL AND IVORY COAST REGIMES AS IRREVOCABLY HOSTILE, AND DESIRES AT LEAST "BROTHERLY" RELATIONS WITH ALL OTHERS.

4. COMMENT: WHILE ALLEGED RELUCTANCE TO GET TOO FAR OUT FROM IN "PROGRESSIVE" VAN MIGHT SEEM INCONSISTENT WITH TOURE'S PAST, IT WOULD FIT HIS SOMEWHAT "PRAGMATIC" PRESENT PHASE OF SEEKING MORE WESTERN INVESTMENT, MAKING PITCH FOR RETURN OF GUINEAN EXILES, WARMING RELATIONS WITH U.S. AND FRANCE, AND TILTING A BIT TOWARD MOROCCO ON SAHARA QUESTION. ALSO, TOURE'S AVERSION TO FOREIGN TRAVEL ILL SUITS HIM TO BE "PROGRESSIVE" BLOC CHIEF.
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